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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Communication is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 24 June 2003 whereby the Examiner has set forth a requirement for restriction of the subject application to one of two patentably distinct species of the claimed

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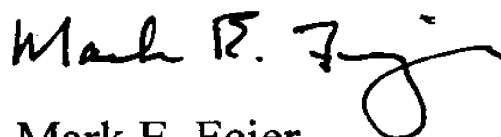
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invention alleged to be claimed in the subject application for prosecution on the merits to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that the subject application contains a species of the claimed convection oven directed to the use of adjustable control surfaces and a species of the claimed convection oven directed to the use of reversible blowers. Currently, the application contains no generic claims.

In response to this requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 9-16 of the subject application directed to the use of reversible blowers.

Applicants sincerely believe that this patent application is now in better condition for examination and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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